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**PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF
COMMUNICABLE DISEASE OF ANIMALS**



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This instruction implements Air Force Instruction 48-105, *Surveillance, Prevention, and Control of Disease and Conditions of Public Health or Military Significance*. It applies to all personnel at Thule Air Base (TAB). Effective prevention and control of rabies and other zoonosis (diseases transmissible from animals to humans) is essential to assure the safety, health, and welfare of personnel at this installation. The U.S. Army now regulates Veterinary Services for all U.S. Air Force Installations. Ensure that all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained IAW Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 33-363, *Management of Records*, and disposed of IAW Air Force Records Information Management System (AFRIMS) Records Disposition Schedule (RDS). Refer recommended changes and questions about this publication to the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) using Air Force (AF) Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*; route AF Forms 847 from the field through the appropriate functional's chain of command. This publication may not be supplemented. See [Attachment 1](#) for a glossary of references and supporting information used in this instruction.

1. Roles And Responsibilities

1.1. The Base Health Services Director (BHSD) (GC/SG) is responsible for:

1.1.1. Informing the Installation Commander or other responsible personnel about any incidences of Animal-Borne Diseases (ABD).

1.1.2. Advising the Installation Commander, 821 SPTS/SG (Public Health Quality Assurance Evaluator), and other applicable personnel concerning ABD and procedures for their management.

1.1.3. Maintaining liaison with the local district physician and chief public health physician for Greenland on all matters associated with rabies control in the Thule Defense Area. All ABD control actions will be coordinated through the Danish Police Inspector (DPI). The BHSD must maintain communications through 821 SPTS/SG to assure ABD information is reported to 21 AMDS/SGPM (Peterson AFB Public Health Office).

1.1.4. Monitoring food service facilities and programs to ensure adequate procedures are implemented to prevent animals from obtaining access to food and garbage.

1.1.5. Monitoring the proper processing and shipment of animals suspected of having ABD to an appropriate laboratory for analysis

1.2. The DPI is responsible for:

1.2.1. Taking all measures deemed necessary to control the animal population on Thule Air Base and eliminating those suspected of ABD to control its spread.

1.2.2. Ensuring that the remains of all animals found dead or killed on-base are immediately reported to 821 SPTS/SG and the BHSD, with the location, date discovered, and animal description. The BHSD will then determine disposition of the carcasses.

1.2.3. Capturing or destroying stray animals' on-base and consulting the BHSD for disposition instructions. Extermination of stray —sled dogs may be required.

1.2.4. Processing and shipment of animals suspected of having ABD to an appropriate laboratory for ABD analysis.

1.3. The BDOC is responsible for:

1.3.1. Notifying the DPI of human-animal incidents.

1.3.2. Taking any necessary emergency actions deemed necessary to quickly terminate threats to humans from any animal attacks in the TAB area.

1.3.3. Documenting human-animal incidents via the 821 SF Blotter.

1.4. Lab Technician (GC/SG Hospital Laboratory) is responsible for:

1.4.1. Establishing and enforcing procedures denying animals' access to food and garbage.

1.4.2. Reporting to BDOC any animals found congregating around food services facilities or abnormally congregating frequently in specific locations.

1.5. Unit Commanders and contractor supervisors will ensure that all personnel are:

1.5.1. Directed not to feed stray animals.

1.5.2. Directed to avoid contact with, and to not allow any human body parts, within one meter of any animals encountered in the TAB area.

1.5.3. Directed to notify the BDOC when remains of any dead animal are found.

1.5.4. Directed to notify the BDOC of any animal acting peculiar, —foaming or frothing at the mouth, scratching or attacking any individual, or any significant increase of congregating in small areas. Date and location observed should be reported to BDOC as soon as possible.

1.5.5. Instructed that people do not have to be bitten by an infected animal to receive an ABD. Any wound or scratch caused by an animal could result in an ABD infection. Saliva from an infected animal can also be unknowingly ingested by humans or transmitted through human skin cuts or scratches, causing an ABD infection.

1.5.6. Directed to report immediately to the medical clinic after having any encounter or physical contact with any type of animal in the TAB area.

1.5.7. Trained by briefings, pamphlets, or TAB television's American and Greenlandic information channels.

1.6. Individual responsibilities:

1.6.1. Individuals will not feed stray animals.

1.6.2. Avoid contact and to not allow any human body parts within one meter of any animals encountered in the TAB area.

1.6.3. Individuals having direct contact with any type of animal in the TAB area will report immediately to the medical clinic.

1.6.4. Notify the BDOC when remains of any dead animal are found.

1.6.5. Notify the BDOC of any animal acting peculiar; foaming/frothing at the mouth, scratching or attacking any individual, or any significant increase of congregating in small animals areas. Date and location observed should be reported to BDOC as soon as possible

2. Zoonosis Disease Prevention and Control Policy.

2.1. Pets of any kind will not be allowed on TAB without the permission of the Danish Ministry of State per Ministry of Greenland Journal Number 1085-03, dated April 1983.

2.1.1. DD Form 2209, *Veterinary Health Certificate*, must accompany any Military Working Dogs sent to TAB on official duty (Ref: Title 10, US Code 133 and 8012).

2.1.2. Any animals found behaving peculiarly or attacking an individual must be exterminated by the DPI, in coordination with 821 SFS/CC, processed, and shipped for ABD lab analysis.

2.1.3. When necessary, programmed extermination of animals in the TAB area will be conducted by the DPI after coordination with the 821 SFS/CC, 821SPTS/SG, BHSD, DLO, and the Installation Commander.

TODD L. DIEI, Colonel, USAF
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Attachment 1**GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION*****References***

AFI 48-105, *Surveillance, Prevention, and Control of Disease and Conditions of Public Health Military Significance*

AFI 48-110, *Immunizations and Chemoprophylaxis for the Prevention of Infectious Diseases*, 7 October 2013

AFMAN 33-363, *Management of Records*, 1 March 2008

Danish Ministry of State per Ministry of Greenland Journal Number 1085-03, April 1983, E-mail: stm@stm.dk; request Greenland Journal Number 1085-03

Prescribed Forms

There are no prescribed forms

Adopted Forms

AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*, 22 September 2009

DD Form 2209, *Veterinary Health Certificate*, 1 April 2009

Abbreviations and Acronyms

ABD—Animal Born Diseases

AF—Air Force

AFI—Air Force Instruction

AFMAN—Air Force Manual

AFRIMS—Air Force Records Information Management System

BDO—Base Defense Operations Center

BHSD—Base Health Services Director

DPI—Danish Police Inspector

IAW—In Accordance With

OPR—Office of Primary Responsibility

SF—Security Forces

RDS—Records Disposition Schedule

TAB—Thule Air Base